ATTORNEY GENERALS OFFICE COLUMBIA

October 2, 2012 Silent Witness Program

11:00 a.m. South Steps South Carolina State House Grounds

- A solemn ceremony to remember those who died as a result of domestic violence during 2011
- During this ceremony, wooden silhouettes represent the women and men who have died due to domestic violence in South Carolina during the previous year. The names of each victim and the circumstances of their death will be read aloud. As each name is read, volunteers or family members of the victim carry the silhouette and take a place on the State House steps. The event is open to the public.

CASA FAMILY SYSTEMS SERVING BAMBERG, CALHOUN, & ORANGEBURG COUNTIES

For events and information contact: CASA Family Systems at (803) 534-2448

HORRY-GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL COLLEGE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LECTURE SERIES CONWAY CAMPUS

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Lectures in the Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium Bldg. 1100, Conway Campus

All lectures will be from 7-9 pm in the Burroughs and Chapin Auditorium on the Conway campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College. They are free and open to the public. The Human Services Club will have refreshments for sale with proceeds benefitting victims of domestic violence.

October 11, 2012

Ashley O'Rourke—Ashley is a first year student in the Human Services program. She graduated from St. James High School in May 2012, where she completed her senior project on domestic violence. She will be speaking on the effects of domestic violence on the family.

Linda Snelling, Silent Witness Project Coordinator for Horry and Georgetown counties – Ms. Snelling will share stories of victims who were murdered, and how the Silent Witness Project increases awareness of domestic violence to stop the cycle of abuse.

October 18, 2012

Student Engagement Hour • Panel Discussion

Current HGTC students will share their stories of survival

October 25, 2012

Chuck Splawn, Professor of Legal Studies—Professor Splawn is in his twelfth year at HGTC. Prior to becoming a teacher, he practiced law in North Carolina for twelve years. Mr. Splawn has a Law Degree from Wake Forest University School of Law and a Bachelor's Degree in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Erin Buseck—Associate Professor of Communication—

Professor Buseck earned her undergraduate degree in Communications with a minor in Psychology from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She completed her graduate degree in Communication Studies along with a Masters Certificate in Conflict Management at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Professor Buseck will share her own story of survival from domestic violence.

For more information, please contact Professor Leila Rogers at (843)349-7878 or e-mail at Leila.Rogers@hqtc.edu

CITIZENS OPPOSED TO DOMESTIC ABUSE (CODA) SERVING BEAUFORT, COLLETON, HAMPTON, & JASPER COUNTIES

September 28, 2012

CODA will hold a vigil and awareness event at the Ridgeland/Hardeeville football game. The game will be at the Jasper County High School at 7:30 p.m.. Wear your purple ribbons and join us in supporting vicitms of domestic violence.

October 9, 2012

2 p.m.-6 p.m.

Stop by CODA's informational table at the Colleton County Farmer's Market.

October 13, 2012

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stop by CODA's informational table at the Colleton County Farmer's Market.

October 20, 2012

12:00 pm

Join CODA at Port Royal's Festival of the Sea for a one mile walk to raise awareness.

October 24, 2012

CODA will be hosting an informal afternoon tea and presentation at Sun City.

The clothesline project will be displayed in libraries, churches and businesses throughout the month.

Stay tuned to CODA's Facebook page for more events and further details. http://www.facebook.com/pages/CODA-Supporting-Victims-of-Domestic-Violence/45278691998

For additional events and information contact: CODA at (843) 770-1074

CITY OF COLUMBIA, SC

October 13, 2012

Annual Mayor's Walk Against Domestic Violence

This walk is FREE to the public.

The walk will be held at Finlay Park, 930 Laurel Street, at 9AM

For more information and to register contact Public Relations at 803.545.3020 or pio@columbiasc.net

Registration form:

http://www.columbiasc.net/depts/public_relations/downloads/Registration%20Form.pdf

CUMBEE CENTER TO ASSIST ABUSED PERSONS SERVING AIKEN, ALLENDALE, & BARNWELL COUNTIES

2012 Whiskey Road Races Saturday, October 6, 2012 1st race starts at 7:30 am

H. Odell Weeks Recreation Center 1700 Whiskey Road Aiken, SC 29803-7336

Phone: (803) 642-7631

Event Information:

Come to Aiken SC and run one of the flattest, most scenic 10K courses around. Running this race not only helps you, but also helps out the Cumbee Center (CAAP, Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons, INC). They are a top notch organization that does top notch work. Involves volunteers nearly from top to bottom, most expenses go toward temp housing for their clients. All events start and end at H.O Weeks Activities Building, 1700 Whiskey Road.

Course: Run 1 mile of Whiskey Road then turn off and into the dirt roads in Aiken's Horse district. It only uses two blocks, toward the upper (eg. dry) sections. Then it runs nearly 1 complete mile on our Scenic South Boundary Avenue (paved). It's flat and fast and I think it one of the prettiest 10K routes (discounting those beach and bridge runs).

You can help! If you'd like to volunteer some manpower, contact the **running club**.

How To Register:

If you've run this race recently, you should get an application in the mail. You may also pick up an application at the H.O. Weeks Activities Center in Aiken.

Online registration through Strictly Running is currently available for a small fee.

For additional events and information contact: Cumbee Center at (803) 649-0480

LAURENS COUNTY SAFE HOME SERVING ABBEVILLE, LAURENS, & SALUDA COUNTIES

For additional events and information contact Laurens County Safe Home at (864) 682-7270

MEG'S HOUSE SERVING EDGEFIELD, MCCORMICK, & GREENWOOD COUNTIES

For additional events and information contact Meg's House at (864) 227-1421

MY SISTER'S HOUSE, INC. SERVING BERKELEY, CHARLESTON, & DORCHESTER COUNTIES

September 23, 2012

Untying the Strings of Domestic Violence Run/Walk

1:00pm-4:00pm

Where: Mt. Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park Cost: Adults-\$20, Children under 18- \$15

Link: http://www.active.com/running/mount-pleasant-sc/amanda-jo-kalman-

untying-the-strings-of-domestic-violence-2012

The National Council of Jewish Women, Charleston Section, and The Mount Pleasant Police Department Victim Services, proudly host, "Untying the Strings of Domestic Violence", in memory of Amanda Jo Kalman.

This is our fifth annual 5K Run/Walk Family Fun Day. Proceeds will go to support services for victims of Domestic Violence including our Domestic Violence Poster Campaign and to create an emergency fund for violence victims.

This race is USATF certified.

*This is an open road race.

* Late registration: 11:45am, day of race, additional late fee of \$10.00.

Packets: In appreciation of your support, you will receive a commemorative T-shirt and the first 50 participants a prize-pack complete with products donated by our generous sponsors.

September 28, 2012

4th Annual Bubbly & Brew sponsored by Lucey Mortgage Corporation

7-11pm

Where: Harborside East, 28 Bridgeside Boulevard, Mt. Pleasant

Cost: \$60 in advance and \$75 after September 21, 2012

Contact: Administrative Office hope@mysistershouse.com 843-747-4069

Link: http://bubblyandbrew.com

Please join us for our fourth annual "Bubbly & Brew" event to benefit My Sister's House, Inc.

Guests will dine on tasty food from Charleston restaurants as well as sip on champagne, wine, and beer selections.

There will be a silent auction and live music from party band Love Butter.

All donations support My Sister's House, Inc. The money raised will be used in a variety of ways to continue to help women and children live violence-free by providing a 24-hour crisis line and shelter, deposits on new safe apartments, childrens' clothing for school, legal help, counseling and much more.

October 11, 2012

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

10/11/2012 Registration begins at 5:30 pm; walk begins at 6:30 pm

Where: Park Circle Community Center

Cost: \$25 for Individual, \$20 each for team of 5 or more

Contact: Administrative Office hope@mysistershouse.com 843-747-4069

Link: http://www.eventbrite.com/event/4029020910

People Against Rape and My Sister's House, Inc. are hosting the 2nd Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event!

We are recruiting men of ALL ages to march in women's high heeled shoes to protest sexual violence and domestic violence, educate our communities and raise money!

October 25, 2012

Hear, See and Speak Out Domestic Violence Awareness Event

10/25/2012 6:00-9:00 pm

Where: Mad River Bar and Grille: 32 North Market Street

Cost: FREE

Contact: Administrative Office hope@mysistershouse.com 843-747-4069

A domestic violence awareness event presented by My Sister's House, Inc. The event features a silent auction, dj Loudy, and education about domestic violence. If you donate \$5 at the door, you will get to order off Mad River's discount menu and receive a drink ticket.

Please come out to meet My Sister's House staff and learn more about how you can help stop domestic violence.

PEE DEE COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ASSAULT

SERVING CHESTERFIELD, DARLINGTON, DILLON, FLORENCE, MARION, MARLBORO, & WILLIAMSBURG COUNTIES

Chesterfield County

October 6, 2012

Domestic Violence: "When Love Hurts"
Co-Sponsored by Pee Dee Women's Group

6:00 PM-6:30 PM

Pee Dee Union Baptist Church

October 13, 2012

Walk and Wag Co-Sponsor by Chesterfield County Animal Service 9 AM-12 PM Start at Chesterfield County Courthouse Contact: Lisa Baker, 843-623-7364

Darlington County:

October 18 , 2012

Domestic Violence: "When The Victim Becomes the Aggressor

9 AM-2PM

Darlington Library

Contact: Pamela Prince, 843-383-0240

Dillon County October 6, 2012

Domestic Violence Awareness Walk

9 AM-12 PM

Start at Dillon High School

Contact: Linda Gonzales-Battle, 843-774-0898

Florence County October 13, 2012

Breaking Free: 5K/15K Walk/Run

9 AM-12 PM

Start at Trinity Presbyterian Church Contact: Gloria Davis, 843-669-4694

Marion County

October 13, 2012

Domestic Violence/Breast Cancer Awareness Walk 10 AM

Start at Marion County Administration Building Contact: Laura Mooneyhan, 843-423-6568

October 25, 2012 Candy Drive 4 PM-6 PM

Co-Sponsor by Marion County Combined Drug

Unit

Contact: Laura Mooneyham, 843-423-6568

October 26, 2012

Candy Drive 4 PM-6 PM

Co-Sponsor by Marion County Combined Drug Unit

Contact: Laura Mooneyham, 843-423-6568

Marlboro County:

October 13, 2012

Walk and Wag 10 AM-12Pm Start at McAlpine Stadium which at Marlboro High School Contact Loretta Love, 843-479-0882

Williamsburg County:

October 6, 2012

Domestic Violence: Community Walk

10 AM

Start at The Town Hall Building in Kingstree

Contact: Freda Cox, 843-354-6481

October 18, 2012

Presentation: Lunch and Learn

11 AM

Co-Sponsor by Kingstree Police Dept Contact: Freda Cox, 843-354-6481

For more information, please check our website: www.peedeecoalition.org Check your local libraries for domestic violence informational displays

SAFE HARBOR SERVING ANDERSON, GREENVILLE, OCONEE, & PICKENS COUNTIES

October 1, 2012

10:00am

Clemson at the Falls (55 Camperdown Way Greenville, SC)

Several agencies will host a press conference to release these preventative steps and to stand together as we begin a month-long collaborative awareness and prevention campaign through social media platforms and joint messaging.

US Congressman Trey Gowdy and other community leaders will speak at the press conference. We invite members of the press and all community members to join us at 10:00am on October 1.

Together, we will urge our community to stand together in our efforts to raise awareness and take steps towards violence prevention during October and throughout the year.

Agencies Band Together to Break the Cycle of Violence through Prevention & Collaboration during October

Domestic violence is an issue that affects people of all ages, ethnicities, religions, educational backgrounds and income levels. According to the Center for Disease Control, one in four women and one in thirteen men has experienced abuse from an intimate partner.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. During this month, a group of organizations and agencies throughout the Upstate are teaming together to host a joint press conference and month-long social media campaign to raise awareness regarding the issue of family violence and to encourage individuals, families, businesses, faith communities, organizations and groups to join in the effort to "break the cycle" of violence, insuring peace and safety within relationships and homes throughout the Upstate of South Carolina. Together, we believe that we can make the Upstate of South Carolina a safer place for children, women and men. During the month of October, our agencies will

collaboratively promote the following steps towards prevention of violence in the Upstate of South Carolina.

Five Community Steps towards Prevention of Relationship Violence:

1. Modeling healthy relationship behaviors at home.

Witnessing violence between one's parents or caretakers is the strongest risk factor for transmitting violent behavior from one generation to the next. Children who grow up in homes that are free from physical, sexual, and emotional violence are significantly less likely to perpetrate violence or to become victims of violence in their adolescent and adult intimate partner relationships.

2. Promoting education and awareness of healthy relationship behaviors

Currently, one out of three teenagers will experience dating violence, and two-thirds of them will not report the abuse to anyone. To end relationship violence, teens and adults must learn the basic characteristics of a healthy relationship, such as respect, trust, and honest communication while also being aware of the warning signs of relationship abuse.

3. Providing opportunities for building self-esteem, independence and empowerment

Low self-esteem and dependency are common risk factors that contribute to abuse in relationships. Individuals who feel confident in themselves and their skills will feel empowered to gain and maintain lifelong stability and independence, thus avoiding unhealthy relationships that result in power, intimidation and control.

4. Involving men in the movement for healthy relationships and supporting healthy masculinity

Our goal is to involve all people, including men and boys, in an effort devoted to creating a future without violence. Involving men in the effort to end relationship abuse and supporting a healthy understanding of masculinity means supporting communities that are free from harassment and domestic violence and lives that are better for women, children, and men.

5. Offering concrete intervention, resources and support for victims

Domestic violence is not simply a personal or family issue; it is a community issue. Community members must feel empowered to safely intervene when witnessing violence by contacting local law enforcement and referring victims of abuse to safe and confidential resources for emergency shelter, counseling, case management, legal advocacy, and education. Building community awareness of the United Way's 211 program, Mental Health America's crisis line, Safe Harbor's crisis line, and other emergency resources is essential in order to connect individuals and families with the services they need.

We believe that violence is a community issue that can be alleviated and prevented through the collaborative efforts of the entire community.

Signed,

Safe Harbor

Compass of Carolina

MARYS House

YWCA of Greenville

Greenville First Steps

Little Steps

A Child's Haven

Pendleton Place

The Julie Valentine Center

Foothills Alliance

The Junior League of Greenville

Defenders for Children

Think2xTwice.org

Tell Them

Domestic Violence Assistance

The Hispanic Alliance

South Carolina Victim Assistance Network

Mental Health America

Upstate Fatherhood Coalition

United Way of Greenville County

The Domestic Violence Council

O.P.E.R.A./Centro De Familia

Long Branch Baptist Church

Greenville County Schools

Pickens County School District

Oconee County School District

Anderson School District 1

Anderson School District 4

Greenville County Sherriff's Office

Greenville City Police Department

Anderson County Law Enforcement

Oconee County Law Enforcement

Pickens County Sherriff's Office

Clemson City Police Department

Solicitor's Office, 10th Judicial Circuit

Solicitor's Office, 13th Judicial Circuit

Media Contact: Julie Meredith, Safe Harbor, 864.385.7179

julie.meredith@safeharborsc.org

SAFE HOMES RAPE CRISIS COALITION SERVING CHEROKEE, SPARTANBURG, & UNION COUNTIES

October 2, 2012

Silent Witness Vigil at Union County Courthouse at noon

October 5, 2012

United We Stand...Putting the Pieces Together Conference

(An Interpersonal Violence Conference)

8:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Marriott Spartanburg at Renaissance Park

299 North Church Street, Spartanburg, SC 29306

Featured Speaker: Lt. Mike Prodane, BS

Behavioral Science Unit

South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division

(CE, Nursing Contact Hours, Social Work, Counselors, Victim Service Providers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Judges Credits Approved)

SPONSORS: Children's Advocacy Center, SAFE Homes – Rape Crisis Coalition, 7th Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, SC Department of Public Safety: VOCA Grant, South Carolina Legal Services, Spartanburg County Department of Social Services, Spartanburg County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council, Spartanburg Public Safety Department, Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office, Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System

A Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Trainer & Consultant (CE, Nursing Contact Hours, Social Work, Counselors, Victim Service Providers, Law Enforcement Officers, and Judges Credits Approved)

Registration fees are \$75 per participant.

Registration deadline is September 21, 2012. After September 21, 2012, there is an additional \$15 fee.

For Registration/Directions, contact Melissa Mahaffey at (864) 560-6746 or mmahaffey@srhs.com or Nelda Hope at (864) 560-6265 or nhope@srhs.com

A limited number of scholarships are available. Please contact Marlene Evans at (864) 583-9803 for more information on scholarships.

Fees include a light continental breakfast, handout materials, refreshments, lunch and certificate of attendance.

October 11, 2012

Silent Witness Vigil in Spartanburg at Morgan Square at 5:30pm Speaker: US Congressman Trey Gowdy

For more information please contact Safe Homes at 864.583.9803 or 1.800.273.5066

SAFE PASSAGE SERVING CHESTER, LANCASTER, & YORK COUNTIES

For events and information contact Safe Passage at (803) 329-3336

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEUXAL ASSAULT

October 26, 2012

Domestic Violence and the Effects on Children

Annual Statewide Conference at KROC Center 424 Westfield Street Greenville, SC 29601

For further information contact Donna Thompson: 803-256-2900 or Register Online at http://www.sccadvasa.org/training.html

SISTERCARE, INC.

SERVING FAIRFIELD, KERSHAW, LEXINGTON, NEWBERRY, & RICHLAND COUNTIES

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Annual Song Bird Café 10th Anniversary
7 PM Live at Leaside, Columbia SC
Featuring: Jesse Lee, Tyler Mechem, and Radney Foster

October 17, 2012

Annual Survivor Speakout Confidential Location

For further information contact Sistercare at (803) 926-0505

SUMTER COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

STOP THE CYCLE
A Community Response To Domestic Violence

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 University of South Carolina-Sumter Nettles Auditorium 10:00am-1:00pm

Guest Speaker: Nickie C. Rogers, MHA, MA Director of Domestic Violence Programs DSS Liaison The YWCA of the Upper Lowlands, Inc.

Information-Discussion
Door Prizes

Light Refreshments

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

YWCA OF THE UPPER LOWLANDS SERVING CLARENDON, LEE, & SUMTER COUNTIES

September 25, 2012

Training: A New Lens: Changing the Way We See Domestic Violence

Location: Santee Wateree RTA 129 South Harvin St Sumter, SC 29150

This training is \$30.00 per participant, and it includes lunch and materials. Registration deadline is September 21, 2012. For more information, or to register, please contact Yolanda Wilson at 803-773-7158.

Oct. 6, 2012

DV Walk Dillon Park –Sumter sponsored by Omega Psi Phi

Oct. 13, 2012

DV Walk from Public Library – Sponsored by Sumter High School

Oct 30, 2012

Candlelight Vigil on the courthouse steps

For additional events and information contact: The YWCA of the Upper Lowlands at (803) 773-7158